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TWELVE PAGESUTAH—Local rains this afternoon
or tonight; colder tonight, with possi-
ble frost in northwest portion; Friday
fair, colder.

GREAT SLAUGHTER OF GERMANS

TERRIFIC STRUGGLE RAGING
BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND
GERMAN FORCES IN FRANCE

Both Sides Striving for Mastery—Revolutionary
Mutterings Continue—Momentous Events
About to Occur Behind Fighting
Lines in Europe.

The fourth day of the terrific struggle on the British front in France has opened with both sides still striving vainly for a decision.

It would seem as though the revolutionary mutterings which were ominously swelling through Europe prior to the inception of the great battle were drowned in the thunders of the battlefield, but indications are not lacking that momentous events are about to occur behind the fighting lines.

The summary adjournment of the reichstag, when its sittings had barely opened, is given added significance by hints in the German press that the strike agitation in Germany may burst forth with renewed violence on May day, the great International Socialist holiday. A nationwide labor demonstration in Sweden is also planned for that day and may have its counterpart in Spain.

No news of any importance has come from Austria in several days, a fact which has given fresh vigor to the ever recurrent report of intentions or efforts on the part of the dual monarchy to seek a separate peace. No confirmation of the reports is available from any reliable source, but there is more definite tidings of the status of affairs in Turkey, the third member of Germany's imperial triumvirate. Returning travelers tell appalling stories of the devastations wrought by disease and starvation in the Ottoman empire.

Germans Rush Up Reserves.
LONDON, April 26, 1:41 p. m.—Telegraphing today from British headquarters in France, Reuters' correspondent says:

"The Germans are still hurrying up reserves to press their counter attacks. They are fighting a great delaying battle, although not now standing upon any well prepared system of defenses and can only hope to check our advance by using up great masses of troops whose breasts have taken the place of parapets.

"This policy must result in greatly accelerating the process of exhaustion, and if continued long, the situation will resolve itself into the simple problem of which side can longest maintain the deadly pace.

"Prisoners declare that the German army is now being drained at a rate which brings collapse within a measurable distance."

Counter Attacks Fail.
PARIS, April 26, noon.—The Germans vainly renewed their counter attacks last night on the high ground near the Chemin-Des-Dames, the war office reports.

The statement follows:
"On the bank of the Oise a German reconnoitering party attempted to approach our trenches near Moy, but was repulsed.

"North of the Aisne the enemy renewed in vain his efforts to expel us from the plateau near the Chemin-Des-Dames. After a violent bombardment yesterday evening two powerful attacks were made on the front about two kilometers west of Cerny. These assaults were broken before our lines with very heavy losses for the enemy. Another effort in the region of Hurtebise farm was equally unsuccessful.

"Near Pompeille, in the Champagne, and also on the front between Naurin farm and Tahure several surprise attacks by the enemy were repulsed."

German Attacks Fail.
LONDON, April 26, 12:35 p. m.—Renewed German attacks on British positions near Gavrelle were repulsed last night, the war-office announced today.

Norwegian Minister Resigns.
LONDON, April 26, 9:55 a. m.—A Christiania dispatch says that the Norwegian minister of justice has resigned owing to the rejection of the government bill curtailing the freedom of the press.

Berlin Drafting Exempts.
AMSTERDAM, April 26, via London, 11:35 a. m.—A Berlin official announcement says that a great number of exemptions have been drafted for field service. They will be replaced by women and those liable for the national auxiliary service.

MOB ATTACKS OFFICE
OF GERMAN PAPER

RIO JANEIRO, Brazil, April 26.—A dispatch from Rio de Janeiro, southern Brazil, today says that a mob attacked the offices of a German newspaper which had criticized Ruy Barbosa. Brazilian ambassador to Argentina. Two soldiers were wounded.

GERMAN TROOPS
NEAR GAVRELLE

Artillery Battle With British
Continues With Violence at
Several Points.

FRENCH SITUATION

Fighting in Various Sections
Favors Army of German
Crown Prince.

BERLIN, April 26, via London, 3:50 p. m.—The German position at Gavrelle, in the Arras battlefield, is now situated at the eastern boundary of the village, says today's army headquarters statement.

"Yesterday the enemy exerted himself," continues the statement, only in local attacks near Arras. South of the Scarpe river three attacks were repulsed by us.

"The artillery battle continued with considerable violence in some sectors. At Gavrelle our position is now situated on the eastern boundary of the village.

"Army group of the German crown prince. The general situation is unchanged. The artillery duel limited itself to a narrow front. Near Hurtebise farm and further east our position on the Chemin des Dames ridge was improved some. Advances, during which we took prisoner three French officers and more than 100 men. In the evening the enemy attacked on a front of three kilometers but was repulsed.

"The fighting was limited to hand grenade encounters. The enemy lost six airplanes yesterday."

SUPERIORITY OF
BRITISH GUNS

Losses of Germans Have Been
Terrific Under Artillery
Fire of Allies.

LONDON, April 26, 3:35 p. m.—The outstanding feature of the second phase of the battle of Arras is the definite establishment of superiority in the artillery by the British and it is due to this superiority that they have been able to maintain a successful offensive, said Major General F. B. Maurice, in his weekly talk with the Associated Press today.

General Maurice declared the Germans had drawn on their strategic reserve and brought up great new forces in an attempt to stem the onslaught by the British machine was working without hitch.

The German losses had been terrific and thousands of dead, he said, were lying in front of the British lines.

In the eighteen days of the Arras battle, General Maurice continued, the British casualties had been something less than a half what they were in the corresponding period of the Somme offensive, while the numbers of prisoners and guns captured were much greater than in the same period on the Somme.

The general also said that the British have definitely established their superiority in the air.

On French Front.
FRENCH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Wednesday evening, April 25.—(From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.)—The Germans today against Hurtebise farm, westward of Craonne. The only result of several strong German attempts to recover the territory won from them in the last week's severe fighting was an enormous sacrifice of some of their best troops. During the French artillery hurling wide salvos of shells, which dropped with methodical precision on the German lines further eastward in the vicinity of Ville aux Bois. The Germans were most reluctant to surrender this position, as it, with Craonne, formed one of the pillars of their line here. They still hold Craonne.

STRIKERS GOING
BACK TO DUTY

Conscience of Munitions
Workers Stirred by Des-
perate Battles in France.

MUST BE PREPARED

New Outbreaks Expected If
Certain Claims Are Not
Acceded To.

AMSTERDAM, April 26, via London, 1:10 p. m.—Today's statement from headquarters comes just early enough to influence the conscience of the munition workers," says the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger in a recent issue. "For the most part, they have resumed duty again, but they will also have to repair the consequences of their dereliction from duty and, above all things, these regrettable occurrences must be prevented from taking place again today or tomorrow."

"We are informed that attempts are still being made to instigate renewed action by the munition workers and it is openly threatened that we must be prepared for new outbreaks of ill will if certain claims are not acceded to. It is also reported that on May 1 there will be another general strike for twenty-four hours."

The reference in the foregoing to a German headquarters statement probably refers to that of April 24, in which the part played by the workers at home in promoting "the successes of the recent battles" is alluded to.

The statement recounted that the German soldiers on the battle line knew that "every man and woman at home is doing his or her duty and is working unceasingly to support him out there in the turmoil of battle for life or death, for existence or non-existence."

250,000 Men Strike.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Reports to the state department through official channels tell of a strike of 250,000 laborers in Berlin. The department says the incident shows the growth of desire for peace on the part of the workmen. It is reported also that bread rations have been reduced from 1900 to 1600 grams per week.

Newspaper reports from Berlin, issued in summarized form by the state department today, said that the strikers returned to work under threat of being sent to the front.

TEUTON SOLDIERS
EAGER FOR PEACE

Airplanes Drop Notes on Rus-
sian Front Alleging End
of War Is Near.

PETROGRAD, April 26, via London, 2:20 p. m.—A telegram received here from Riga indicates that the Germans are continuing to parley with the Russian soldiers' conference at Minsk. Airplanes have dropped proclamations which allege there is a popular movement in Germany in favor of a cessation of the war and propose the initiation of peace negotiations mutually on honorable conditions.

Dispatches from Kiev report that arrivals from the front are recounting many instances of parties of Germans and Austrians carrying red and white flags striving to reach the Russian trenches. In one case some reached the Russian wire entanglements and were taken prisoner. They were told of a desire in the Teuton ranks for an immediate peace.

GERMAN U-BOAT
SINKS U. S. SHIP

Fires Ten Shots Into Schooner,
Some While the Crew
Takes to Boats.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The destruction without warning by submarine gunfire of the American schooner Percy Birdsall of New York was reported today to the state department. Time and place were not announced. The submarine fired ten shots, seven of which struck the schooner below the water line, some of them while the captain and crew of nine were taking to the boats. The survivors were rescued by a British patrol boat after being in the boats about an hour and a half.

The Birdsall was of 1127 tons gross, built in Wilmington, Del., in 1890, and was owned by Edward L. Holmes.

BRITISH FORCES
MOVING AHEAD

Each of German Attacking
Waves Thrown Back in
Fight Around Arras.

DEAD COVER GROUND

British Account for Nearly
One Hundred Enemy Air-
planes in Four Days.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, April 26, via London, 2:20 p. m.—(From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.)—There has been a comparative lull in the fighting east of Arras in the last twenty-four hours, the German counter attacks in the effort to retake the positions captured by the British in Monday's push having worn themselves out. After each of these attacking waves had been thrown back, the British managed to creep forward still further.

Heavily overcast skies are giving the German airmen a brief respite from British aerial attacks, enabling them to make efforts to reorganize their badly damaged squadrons; for in four days' fighting the British have accounted for nearly 100 enemy machines. The British airmen were praying for continuance of clear weather as their worrying tactics had provoked the Germans into heavy fighting, but clouds gathered yesterday and today also the skies were overcast. In consequence, the airplane hunt was restricted.

Owing to the heavy inroads made by British airmen, the German kite balloons are extremely timid these days, although the Germans depend mostly on them for artillery observation. They seldom attempt overhead observation with airplanes. The only aircraft seen on this side of the line are fast fighting scouts which attempt raids and scurry home again in the clouds.

One German balloon which was set adrift yesterday landed within the British lines.

Stories of the German counter attacks—there have been eight separate attempts to capture Gavrelle since Monday evening—tell of almost incredible tactics employed by the Germans in sending forward troops in mass formation, giving the British artillery the greatest opportunity for open target shooting it has had in the last two years. Several thousand gray-clad Germans were advancing in one of these attacks late Tuesday when the British curtain of fire shut down in front of them. Still other British guns fired straight through the curtain on the advancing men. Not a man passed beyond that curtain and when its obscuring smoke lifted there was not a moving German in sight. Nothing was to be seen but plowed ground littered with sprawling dead.

One British regiment has a particular grievance against the Germans. The night before the attack a stray German shell landed direct on the regimental run cart, destroying sixty-eight gallons. Some of the men who had been sleeping and fighting in the open for three days were deprived of their tea, which usually are distributed just before dawn these bitter cold mornings. There were several ammunition dumps nearby which might have been hit by the shell, but, as luck would have it, the run cart was the mark.

GERMAN PRESS
IS CENSORED

Reichstag Blocks Channels for
Disagreeable News to
Reach Foreign Ears.

COPENHAGEN, April 26, via London, 10 a. m.—The protests of a Socialist representative in the reichstag committee yesterday revealed the fact that German newspapers must now submit to censorship before being permitted to leave the country so as to block the channel through which disagreeable news has reached foreign ears.

MORE TREASURY
CERTIFICATES

Banks to be Offered Another
\$200,000,000 Within the
Next Ten Days.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Secretary McAdoo is considering another offering of \$200,000,000 in treasury certificates, due June 30, to the banks of the country within the next ten days. The second offering of treasury certificates, if made soon, probably will follow the same course as that adopted in the first offer of \$250,000,000, from which \$200,000,000 was loaned yesterday to Great Britain.

Confidence as to the further needs of the entire government were continued today, the immediate necessities of Italy being especially considered.

NEVADA EXCEEDS
RECRUIT QUOTA

Western State First to Reach,
or Pass Required Number
of Enlistments.

TWO STATES LEADING

Total of 33,792 Men Have
Entered Regular Army
Since April 1.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Nevada has more than filled her quota of recruits for the regular army. Today's official statement shows that with a quota of 162 the western state furnished twenty men yesterday, bringing the total to 173 and making it the first state to reach or pass its quota mark.

Pennsylvania led yesterday for the second time in the number of recruits supplied, 181 men having been accepted, against 167 in Illinois.

The total gain for the day in all states was 1,684, making a total of 33,792 men who have entered the regular army since April 1.

Delaware, Maine, North Dakota and Vermont were the only states in which no recruits were obtained on April 25.

ELIHU ROOT IS
SENT TO RUSSIA

Former U. S. Secretary of
State Heads American Com-
mission to Russia.

VISITS PRESIDENT

Board With Staff of Secre-
taries and Assistants to
Leave Soon.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Elihu Root, former secretary of state, after conferences early today with President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, formally accepted the chairmanship of the American commission to Russia.

Mr. Root spent an hour with the president at the White House discussing the Russian revolution. The president outlined fully what he desired to accomplish.

The commission will be composed of three or four principal members and a staff of secretaries and assistants. It is expected to depart for Russia within a few days.

The needs of Russia as outlined to President Wilson are for political, financial, transportation and commercial advice and assistance.

OFFICERS ARE
BEING CALLED

Six Majors and Score of Cap-
tains Summoned to Ac-
tive Duty.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Six majors and a score of captains in the newly created quartermaster officers' reserve corps were summoned to active duty today.

The war department has made the following assignment of officers to command coast artillery districts, effective May 1: Colonel John L. Hayden, north Pacific district, Seattle; Brigadier General William L. Sibert, south Pacific district, Fort Riley, Cal.

TWO GERMANS
ARE ARRESTED

Both Held at Military Head-
quarters for Violation of
U. S. Defense Laws.

NOGALES, Ariz., April 26.—Frederick Kayser, awaiting trial for an alleged violation of the national defense laws, and Rudolph Peterson, former German consular agent here, were taken into custody today by federal authorities, who said the two Germans would be interned. Both are held at military headquarters.

Kayser was arrested February 16, charged with seeking to obtain mail information unlawfully. He was released on \$2000 bail.

Peterson, who was held at the time of Kayser's arrest, was employed in a bank here after diplomatic relations with Germany were broken off by the United States.

TO PLOW UP STREETS

ONALASKA, Wis., April 26.—The council has decided to allow plowing up of the city's back streets for the cultivation of potatoes. The highways will be cultivated by high school boys.

FRENCH CALL
ON PRESIDENT

Hundreds of Automobiles Ac-
company Party to White
House—People Cheer.

SALUTES EXCHANGED

Wilson Expresses Deep Appre-
ciation of Visit of Commis-
sion to United States.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The French commission began its first day in Washington with a round of official calls. The first was at the state, war and navy departments.

Former Premier Viviani, head of the mission, Marshal Joffre, Admiral Chocheprat and Viscount de Chambrun called first at Secretary Lansing's office. The clerks of the great building lined the halls and gave the Frenchmen a reception of almost continuous cheers and handclapping. After spending a few minutes with Secretary Lansing, M. Viviani, Marshal Joffre and Admiral Chocheprat went over to the White House to be formally received by President Wilson.

Hundreds Cheer Party.

The visitors took motor cars for the short ride from the state department to the White House. Hundreds of automobiles decorated with the French tricolor sounded their sirens and people lining the streets added to the cheering. At the main entrance to the executive mansion a large party of the president's army and navy aides in full dress uniforms met the Frenchmen. Salutes were exchanged and the guests were ushered into the Blue room, where President Wilson was waiting to receive them.

The White House reception for the members of the French commission differed from that accorded Foreign Minister Balfour and his British associates in that it included all the members of the French mission.

Since neither Minister Viviani nor Marshal Joffre speak English, M. Hovelacque acted as interpreter. After the president had shaken hands with members of the mission, M. Viviani went to the capitol, accompanied by Assistant Secretary Phillips, while Marshal Joffre, accompanied by Colonel Spencer Cosby, of the army, and Lieutenant Commander Robert L. Berry of the navy, walked from the executive mansion to the state, war and navy building.

President Greets Men.

President Wilson in the brief exchange of greetings told the French commissioners how deeply the American people appreciated the action of the French republic in sending the commission to the United States, and Minister Viviani replied, saying that the French people felt very deeply the bond of friendship between the two nations cemented by the entrance of the United States into the war.

Arrangements are being considered to have M. Viviani and British Foreign Minister Balfour address the United States senate.

FIRST AMERICAN
WAR PRISONER

Germans Sink U. S. Merchant
Ship and Take Captain
Into Custody.

LONDON, April 26, 2:50 p. m.—The German newspapers are claiming victory in the battle of Arras, telegraphs the correspondent at The Hague of the Evening News.

The Frankfurter Zeitung says: "The second battle of Arras can never be made good by the British, who lost it at an enormous cost in men and material."

"The Cologne Gazette says: 'German troops look across fields piled with corpses of the British army which they have repulsed successfully.'"

The Cologne Volkzeitung says, the Siegfried position has become an elastic band, a living wall which has dissolved the physical and moral strength of the enemy.

TRAINING SHIPS ON LAKES
GREAT LAKES, Ill., April 26.—A fleet of training ships shortly will be sailing the great lakes. It was announced at the United States naval training station here today. Captain Moffett, commandant, has planned the mobilization of a number of fast vessels mounting guns ranging from one-pounders to six-inch pieces. The fleet will serve to train recruits passing through the training station here, in addition to protecting lake cities.

AUSTRIA'S FOOD PROBLEM
VIENNA, April 26, via London, 4:45 p. m.—Official announcement was made here today that the Austrian government had decided to convoke parliament for May 30 to deal with questions of food supply and with economic, social and financial problems.

The parliament has not been in session since before the war.

KAISER
TO LOSE
CROWN

Movement to Establish
Republican Form of
Government in Ger-
many Begun.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Official dispatches from Bern to the state department announce the appointment there of a committee for propaganda, in favor of the establishment of a republican form of government in Germany, headed by Dr. Boese Meyer, former editor of the Morgen Post of Bern.

SELECTIVE DRAFT
BILL TO PASS

House Canvass Shows Major-
ity of 60 to 70 in Favor
of Measure.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The army bill continued to thread its way through debate in both houses of congress today under a constant fire of attack from those who oppose selective conscription and ardently defended by those who support the administration plan.

First prospect of a vote appeared in the house, where it was agreed that a general debate should close with adjournment today and leave only the summing up speeches by leaders of each side.

Then the bill will be considered by the house under the five-minute rule, with prospect of a vote probably Friday night or Saturday.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Results of a canvass to ascertain sentiment of the house membership on the administration bill providing for raising an army by selective draft caused renewed confidence today among champions of the measure of its passage by the house by a safe majority.

The house canvass, taken by friends of the bill, disclosed, it was stated, a majority of from sixty to seventy in favor of the measure.

Debate on the bill continued in both houses today. In the house the leaders figured on reaching a vote by Saturday and in the senate Chairman Chamberlain sought an agreement to fix a vote by that time.

WOMAN SHOT AND
BEATEN TO DEATH

Man Breaks Into Home and
Commits Brutal, Cold-
blooded Murder.

ST. PAUL, April 26.—Mrs. Alice M. Dunn, former wife of Frank J. Dunn, was murdered early this morning by a man who broke into the home of her parents, entered the room in which she and a younger sister were sleeping, shot her twice and finally clubbed her to death with the pistol. The screams of her sister, Katherine, awoke their parents, and a brother too late, and the man escaped. Her sister is said to have told the police that when the man entered the room he commanded her to "Keep cool; I don't want you. I just want to do a little shooting."

Frank J. Dunn, from whom Mrs. Dunn more than a year ago was granted separate maintenance and alimony of \$70 a month, was taken to the police headquarters, but released after being questioned.

SENTRIES SHOOT A
MAN NEAR FACTORY

NEW YORK, April 26.—Sentries guarding the waterfront under the Brooklyn terminal of the Manhattan bridge, which crosses the East river today shot and fatally wounded a man found loitering near a machinery factory. The victim gave the name of John Smith, Russian laborer,